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John Allen Chalk: Personal Correspondence

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To/From: Olan Hicks

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September 22, 1958

Mr. Olan Hicks  
Freed-Hardeman College  
Henderson, Tenn.

Dear Brother Hicks:

In connection with an adult education series through the winter months, the Elders of this congregation have chosen as one of the topics of study "Church History". In preparing a syllabus for this study I would appreciate any information that you might have. Also, I would like to ask your opinion on a one-volume history that could be used as a text in this study.

The people who will be taking this course are average members of the church, many of them factory workers, who have no higher education. With these things in mind I feel that you possibly could make a valuable suggestion as to what would serve our interest best. I realize that this is an infringement on your valuable time and I wish to express my sincere thanks for any help that you might be able to render.

Please give my best wishes to your family and my many friends in the school.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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HENDERSON, TENN.

October 2, 1958

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
2001 Division Avenue  
Dayton, Ohio

Dear John Allen:

I have your letter in regard to a study course in church history. Actually there is no history that I have ever found which satisfies me as a text to use in a class for the ordinary church member. I have at least thirty different church histories in my library, and yet I do not believe there is a one of them that is adapted to the purpose you have in mind. I believe the best one for such folks that you mentioned is H. L. Hurlburt's 1 volume Synopsis of Church History.

It is not a real thorough-going book but it gives the facts of church history and is well outlined for average use. The teacher could give some supplementary material. Although I would not use it in a college class I guess it is the best for the type of use you have in mind.

I appreciate hearing from you and I hope that this information will be of some value. My very best personal wishes and come to see us when you can.

Your friend and brother,

  
Olan L. Hicks

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